

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## Merry and Happy!

1876! Upon the threshold of a New Year a great Nation waits in flushed expectancy. Soon will the bells ring out in glad harmony; soon will the bustling ship gaily up in honor of America's Centennial New Year. Proudly Columbia reviews her hundred years of independent achievement, unparalleled in history. Resolutely will she press forward for future honor, still upholding her glorious emblem of liberty, industry and enterprise for the contemplation of her sister Nations.

And now let every one of whatever station, fill in his allotted duty; let us all set well our parts, and make the record of our nation's Centennial a grand one for ourselves, for our country, and for the world. *Per aspera ad astra.*

## Bloomfield Public School.

The schools closed last Friday for the holiday vacation. The exhibitions that took place in the Berkeley and Brookside Primaries disclose a vast improvement in these outside schools, within the past year or two. At the Brookside school, of which the Misses Shibley and Ufford are instructors, the children's exhibition, consisting of singing, gymnastics and declamations, was especially praiseworthy.

On Friday afternoon, the closing exercises of the Central School took place in the High School room. Only scholars of the highest and lowest classes participated, and all acquitted themselves nobly. The marching and gymnastic exercises, by one of the primary classes, was splendid. Several members of the High School gave recitations, and declamations which were, unexceptionably, of high merit. There were also compositions read, which deserve special mention, because it is something new for pupils in our schools to appear thus publicly as essayists. We have heretofore had, in these school exhibitions, a profusion of declamation and reading, without any example of talent in this other and very important branch. We hope that now the initiative has been so creditably taken by Masters Brown and Miller, composition will receive more attention, and that no talent will remain hidden away in the napkin of oblivion.

All the school-rooms were beautified by mottoes, in letters woven from autumn leaves, making a very pretty effect. Window-gardening and art-culture seem also to receive attention, in some of the class-rooms. In fact, everything about the schools is indicative of progress. We have no hesitation in saying that Bloomfield has reason to be proud of her public schools.

## The Week of Prayer.

The first week in the new year will be generally observed as a week of prayer by the Evangelical churches throughout the Union.

The Evangelical Alliance suggests the following topics for meditation: Sunday, January 2d.—Sermon: The love of God perfected in him who "keeps His works." 1 John ii: 5.

Monday, January 3d.—Thanksgiving and Confession. A retrospect of the past year. Tuesday, January 4th.—Prayer for the church of Christ.

Wednesday, January 5th.—Prayer for families. Thursday, January 6th.—Prayer for Rulers, Ministers and Statesmen, for soldiers and sailors; for national institutions; for philanthropic and charitable societies; for prisoners and captives; and for the persecuted and oppressed.

Friday, January 7th.—Prayer for Christian Missions; and for the conversion of the world to Christ.

Saturday, January 8th.—Prayer for all nations; and the maintenance of peace; for cessation of tumult, war and civil strife; for the removal of intemperance, immorality and infidelity from the land.

Sunday, January 9th.—Sermon: The ultimate triumph. Psalm LXXVII: 17.

Father Henry Boehm, the patriarch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at the residence of his granddaughter, near Richmond, Staten Island, on Tuesday afternoon at sunset, having passed his one hundredth birthday on June 8 of the present year. Father Boehm was the oldest clergyman in the world, there being no other who has attained the age of one hundred years.

An East Orange tax gatherer has discovered a man who insists that there is a "10th amendment" to the Constitution of the United States, exempting British subjects, of which he is one, from taxation. He paid his poll tax under protest, saying he would appeal to the Queen. He wrote across the face of his bill, "I pay this under protest, in the name of Great Britain." The Gazette hopes it won't lead to war between the township and England.

## Christmas at the Old Church.

A Christmas Service of a novel character was given in the First Presbyterian Church in this place last Sunday evening. The filling up of the seats in the galleries and organ-loft at an unusually early hour denoted that the anticipation of this joyous commemoration of Christ's Birthday had excited unusual interest. A white cord was stretched around the pews of the middle aisle, with the exception of a few near the door, the reservation having been made for the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. The side pews and unoccupied galleries were rapidly taken, leaving a large parallelogram of unoccupied space in the central part of the house. This vacancy, together with the subdued light and the heavy, dark green foliage of the evergreen trimming, imparted, for a time, almost a feeling of loneliness to the scene, until the sudden lighting up of the reflectors in the ceiling sent a thrill of religiosity down which dispelled the depressive coolness and imparted a joyous warmth that penetrated to every part of the large building. What had before seemed like a somber fog was now lighted up as if by magic, creating throughout the audience a responsive thrill of sympathy and admiration as each one studied the effect of the elaborate adornment of walls, windows, columns and ceilings with evergreens, flowers and texts, in honor of the Saviour's Advent. From a central point in the ceiling foliage wreaths, sixteen in number, were suspended in graceful festoons, the ends terminating at the tops of windows and angles of the building. Wreaths of the same material were looped from the points of suspension over the windows along the side walls. The spaces between were decorated by crosses, stars and other emblems, woven from branches of holly. The gallery-fronts were also festooned, and the supporting columns entwined with evergreens. Appropriate Bible texts in dark Gothic letters upon a white ground were placed on the panelwork of the gallery in various places. Under the arched wood-work in rear of the pulpit was displayed, in a semicircle, the text "Hosanna to the Son of David." In front of the platform was arranged a parterre of choice flowers, consisting of callas and other winter-blooming plants.

Altogether the adornment of the church was exceedingly chaste and beautiful, denoting in its profuseness and artful arrangement much labor and good taste on the part of those who provided it. It is stated that considerable over half a mile of wreaths were required in ornamentation, while the cost, besides the gratuitous labor expended, was about one hundred dollars. This may seem like a large sum to be expended for a Christmas church decoration, but it strikes us as being one of the most touching, appropriate and worshipful ways in which that great event of ecclesiastical history—Christ's Advent—can be commemorated. While a few may regard it as a waste of money, and say—"Why this great waste?"—while some thoughtless ones may see and comprehend simply the superficial sentiment of something pleasant to look upon, yet many must, with deeper discernment, see that these Christmas offerings, repeated year by year, are eminently promotive of those lessons of unifying love and faithfulness taught by the Master himself when on earth.

After the service had assembled, filling every seat in the church except those which had been reserved, the Christmas Service opened with the tones of the organ and the entrance of the Sunday School in a procession by the middle aisle, all singing the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty."

When the teachers and scholars, numbering about two hundred, were seated, the pastor led the congregation in a responsive reading from the Psalm commencing: "Bless the Lord, O my soul," followed by prayer. The succeeding exercises, after the singing of a sacred Christmas Carol, were divided into four parts, consisting of an inscription ceremony with responsive readings and singing, all of which was very interesting and effective. The inscription was from John iii: 16:

"THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

Six scholars from the Sunday School, each carrying a card with a word printed on it, formed the first line of the above text, by placing the words upon a slight framework suspended from the ceiling over the pulpit platform. Other classes formed the succeeding lines. Each scholar, after placing the words, recited a Bible verse.

After the last line, forming the entire Christmas inscription, had been completed, Rev. Mr. Ballantine ascended the platform and made an address. His remarks were chiefly upon the themes of God's love, as expressed in the first line, His precious gift, as made known in the second, and the unbounded invitation He gives to all, as expressed in the third, by the words "whoever believeth."

The solo and chorus singing was finely rendered, as were also the recitations, while the pastor's address was a particularly effective, earnest and eloquent effort. All in all, this unique Christmas Service was very instructive and interesting.

The Week of Prayer will be observed by the different churches in this place, beginning with a united meeting called by the Bloomfield Union Trust Society, to be held on Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian church. The order of subjects, as prescribed by the Evangelical Alliance, for each evening, as given elsewhere, will be adhered to.

## Railroad Accident at Watseong.

The team and wagon of Mr. Adam Turke, baker, of Bloomfield avenue, Newark, came in collision with a train on the Morris & Essex Road, at the Willow street junction, near Watseong station, on Tuesday morning. Mr. Turke and his driver had been serving customers with bread in Willow street, and while crossing the railroad track near Mr. Israel Coe's house, the team became frightened at the approaching train, which left Bloomfield at 9:15. The horses and wagon were caught by the locomotive, and carried a distance of nearly a hundred yards, and then thrown off on one side of the track. The wagon was demolished and one horse so seriously injured as to make it necessary to kill him, a hoof having been torn off. The other horse was slightly injured. The occupants of the wagon had a providential escape, Mr. Turke getting off with some bruises and a cut upon his head. The driver was uninjured. It was regarded as almost miraculous that both were not killed. Mr. Robert D. Bruce and others who gathered round after the accident, assisted the unfortunate men. Just above the point where this smash-up occurred there is a curve and a cut, rendering it impossible for those crossing the street to see a train coming from Bloomfield station, until very close at hand, thus making it a dangerous place. It is safe to say that all those who are driving or walking across them cannot be too careful.

## Church Sociable.

The 1st Pres. Church has made a commendable departure in the manner of entertainment at church sociables. Something more than conversation is needed to interest a promiscuous company of individuals, such as is always found at these places of sociability. The direction of last evening, at the house of Dr. Davis is sufficient proof of this assertion. So large a number of guests has never been gotten together on any similar occasion. Attracted by the Choral (?) "Hallelujah," neither rain or doubt prevented any considerable number from being present. The acting in this Choral was remarkably pleasing, all doing well for themselves, notwithstanding the limited time given to preparation. The pantomimes were not less pleasing. One of the chief attractions of the evening was the singing of Miss Clark of Suffield, Conn. "Archie Wale" was finely rendered. The purity of Miss Clark's intonation showed talent and application.

## M. E. Church.

The Christmas festivities in the M. E. Church consisted of a fine musical entertainment given by the Young Men's Association, according to their usual custom. The Concert was a complete success, and urgent calls were made for its repetition, which was announced for last evening. The church is very handsomely trimmed. Upon the platform, enclosing the desk, is a beautiful architectural device, consisting of two columns, supporting an arch, upon which in gilded letters are the words "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The windows, walls and chandeliers are very tastefully ornamented, and the church is a very appropriate display being employed. In the gallery a novel effect is produced by a bell of interwoven evergreens suspended from the ceiling, and a festooning of foliage.

## Westminster.

On Wednesday evening, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, was given a holiday entertainment for the Sabbath School of that Society. The exercises consisted of Quartettes, Recitations, Addresses and Stereoscopic Views. Notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the night, a full house repaid the workers for their endeavors to make the scholars happy. Candy and oranges were distributed to the children immediately before leaving for home.

The pastor, Dr. Kennedy, who had been absent from his usual place several weeks, was again met with pleasant greetings as he again came among his people.

The horse cars of the Newark and Bloomfield line, have ceased running. This course has long been in contemplation by the owners of the line, Messrs. Batin, Ballentine and Lee, because this portion of the line has never paid. This will prove a serious inconvenience to parties living along the line. That portion of the line between the depot in Mt. Prospect avenue, and the [South Broad street terminus, will be continued.

Some gentlemen at the Presbyterian Sociable Wednesday evening went away early with the minister's new hat, leaving an old one in place of it. Probably it was not an intentional trade. But still, there is a story of the man who always went home early in order to have a good choice among the hats. Who is this connoisseur in head-covering for this village?

On Wednesday, the D. L. & W. R. R. reduced the price of monthly commutation between this place and New York to \$6.50. The Montclair and Greenwood Lake Road people then issued a notice stating that the rates on the new road would be the same as their competitors, for monthly commutation by Montclair and Bloomfield residents.

Hope Chapel Sunday School had a good holiday entertainment on Christmas Eve. The "Ten Little Grasshoppers" who hopped up from Brookside School were there, and the little folks generally were as lively and happy as crickets.

Sheriff Campbell, who has been confined to his home some days by a severe cold, is now regarded as dangerously ill, and his attending physician expresses anxiety as to the result. —Newark Advertiser.

The Rev. D. Thos. MacClymont, of Stillwater, will preach next Sabbath in the Baptist Church, Bloomfield. Seats free, all are welcome.

## Lapones.

1876. Centennial. Our mud roads are awful. Commutation coming down. Put up your bunting to-morrow! We wish you a Happy New Year. No Town Committee meeting lately. W. K. Williamson, Esq., has a law office with Judge Coe.

Some roughs indulged in a free fight near the M. & E. Depot on Christmas. The aggregate expenditure for Telford roads in the city of Orange has been \$190,000.

A Watch Night Service, will begin in the M. E. Church this evening at 9 o'clock.

Mr. J. G. Keyler's record of deaths for the year just closing shows 81 for Bloomfield and 52 for Montclair.

The Bloomfield Public School teachers were very generally the recipients of Christmas tokens from their classes.

The passengers of the Montclair and Greenwood Lake Railroad remembered their conductors, engineers and brakemen very liberally on Christmas.

## "Happy New Year!"

BY REV. THEO. L. CUTLER, D. D. Friend! here's a grip of your hand and a hearty wish for a happy new year to you! Don't let that hand drop a drop of intoxicating poison, or it will be anything else than a happy day for you, or for your family. It would be a bad start. The ship that staves a hole in bottom before she leaves Sandy Hook makes a poor beginning for a prosperous voyage. A glass of liquor on the first day of the year knocks a hole in your conscience and your character. Before the year is out, it may sink you into degraded drunkenness.

What a happy new year it would be in thousands of homes if the agents would hang up a total abstinence pledge on their wall, and resolve not to admit a drop of liquor into their home for the next twelve months! The Lord would bless that home. The table would be better supplied. The children would be better clothed. There would be some extra money for books, and concerts, and pictures, and for an occasional gift to the needy. No laboring man's pocket is long enough to hold drink-money and house-money too. If you try it, the drum-shop will get hold of your pocket, and leave your household to go hungry.

These are "hard times." I'll tell you why. This nation is spending more money for intoxicating drink than for all the bread it eats, and all the clothes it wears, all the books it reads, all the churches it has ever built! If every one of its accused drinking saloons could be shut up, and every bottle was smashed for ever, we should have good times in thirty days. We will have hard times this year if you attempt to support family and your family, and also a liquor-seller's family besides. Begin the year by cutting off the tow-line, and let the liquor-seller drift off into better business.

Young ladies! you will have many of your friends to call upon you with a "happy new year!" Do you expect to offer wise counsel to any of your friends? Then you will be responsible for every glass you offer, and for the consequences. If your wine makes any young man drunk, you will stand before God guilty of ruining him. He may be engaged to be married, and you will be ruining the prospect of the woman to whom he has pledged his heart and hand. He is somebody's son and brother. You are risking the happiness of the mother and sisters of your friend when you thoughtlessly offer to him that fatal glass. There is a serpent in it! You may not hear it hiss; but somebody else may feel its sting. Will it be a "happy" memory of your New Year's Day to reflect that you put a deadly serpent's head and heart? There is a certain class of wretched women who make it a practice to offer the social glass to the young men whom they would tempt to sin. Let a pure-minded woman stoop to imitate even one practice of their sister sinners.

The New Year's Day often rules the year. Begin right! Offer your Bible and turn to Mr. Moody's favorite text—Isaiah, fiftieth chapter and seventh verse. Make that your motto for the year. If you have no family after in your house, set one up on the first morning of the centennial year 1876. Make a clean sweep of all "choice liquors" you may have in the house. Start the year with a pledge never to drink or to offer a drop of intoxicants. Do all these things, and you will be able to thank God for the sunshine and joy of a genuine Happy New Year!

## DIED.

COCKREATH—At Montclair, Dec. 24, Catherine Cockreath, aged 81 years, 3 months, 11 days.

GOTTSCHALK—At Bloomfield, Dec. 25, Andreas Gottschalk, aged 92 years.

FOSTER—At Bloomfield, Dec. 27, Francis B. Foster, aged 31 years.

FURNELL—From Christ Church on Friday at 12 o'clock.

BRADY—At Bloomfield, Dec. 28, Anna A. Brady, aged 29 years.

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To the Public.—We hereby notify the Property Owners of Bloomfield and vicinity that we shall advertise in the New York City papers, free of charge, all property placed in our hands for sale, rent or exchange by or before Feb. 1st, 1877.

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